

**Revised Statutes of 1846 (EXCERPT)**  
**Chapter 81. Of Fraudulent Conveyances And Contracts, Relative To Goods, Chattels, And Things In Action.**

**566.132 Agreements, contracts, or promises required to be in writing and signed; enforcement; "financial institution" defined.**

Sec. 2.

(1) In the following cases an agreement, contract, or promise is void unless that agreement, contract, or promise, or a note or memorandum of the agreement, contract, or promise, is in writing and signed with an authorized signature by the party to be charged with the agreement, contract, or promise:

- (a) An agreement that, by its terms, is not to be performed within 1 year from the making of the agreement.
- (b) A special promise to answer for the debt, default, or misdoings of another person.
- (c) An agreement, promise, or undertaking made upon consideration of marriage, except mutual promises to marry.
- (d) A special promise made by a personal representative to answer damages out of his or her own estate.
- (e) An agreement, promise, or contract to pay a commission for or upon the sale of an interest in real estate.
- (f) An assignment of things in action, whether intended as a transfer for sale, for security, or otherwise.
- (g) An agreement, promise, contract, or warranty of cure relating to medical care or treatment. This subdivision does not affect the right to sue for malpractice or negligence.

(2) A person shall not bring an action against a financial institution to enforce any of the following promises or commitments of the financial institution unless the promise or commitment is in writing and signed with an authorized signature by the financial institution:

- (a) A promise or commitment to lend money, grant or extend credit, or make any other financial accommodation.
- (b) A promise or commitment to renew, extend, modify, or permit a delay in repayment or performance of a loan, extension of credit, or other financial accommodation.
- (c) A promise or commitment to waive a provision of a loan, extension of credit, or other financial accommodation.

(3) A person shall not bring an action to enforce an agreement, promise, or contract to pay a commission for or upon the sale of an interest in real estate against the owner or purchaser of the real estate unless the agreement, promise, or contract is in writing signed by the party to be charged.

(4) As used in this section, "financial institution" means a state or national chartered bank, a state or federal chartered savings bank or savings and loan association, a state or federal chartered credit union, a person licensed or registered under the mortgage brokers, lenders, and servicers licensing act, 1987 PA 173, MCL 445.1651 to 445.1684, or the secondary mortgage loan act, 1981 PA 125, MCL 493.51 to 493.81, or an affiliate or subsidiary thereof.

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